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For: BIOPSY DEVICE FOR REMOVING TISSUE SPECIMENS USING A VACUUM

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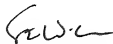
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Applicants respectfully request that the listed documents be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of the attached form be returned in accordance with MPEP § 609.

Respectfully submitted,



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